PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Robert Hanania
DOCKET NO.: 05-20886.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 19-29-403-036-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Robert Hanania, the appellant, by attorney Rusty Payton of Rusty Payton, P.C., Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is improved with a one-story single family dwelling that contains 1,310 square feet of living area. The dwelling has masonry exterior and is 41 years old. The property is located in Burbank, Stickney Township, Cook County.

The appellant in this appeal submitted information on four comparables to demonstrate that the subject property was inequitably assessed. The comparables were improved with a one and one-half story and three, one-story masonry constructed single family dwellings that ranged in size from 1,180 to 1,423 square feet of living area. The comparables ranged in age from 40 to 58 years old. One of the comparables was described as having air conditioning, one comparable had a fireplace, and one comparable had a basement. Photographs of the comparables submitted depict two of the comparables as having two-car The data submitted by the appellant also attached garages. indicated the comparables and the subject had the same neighborhood code assigned by the county assessor. comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$8,349 to \$11,164 or from \$6.06 to \$7.99 per square foot of living area. The subject property had an improvement assessment of \$15,680 or \$11.97 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds $\underline{a\ reduction}$ in the assessment of the property as established by the $\underline{\mathbf{Cook}}$ County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 3,394 IMPR.: \$ 10,467 TOTAL: \$ 13,861

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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the appellant requested the subject's assessment be reduced to \$9,340 or \$7.13 per square foot of living area.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellant argued assessment inequity as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessments by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. After an analysis of the assessment data the Board finds a reduction is warranted.

The appellant in this appeal submitted information on four assessment comparables to demonstrate the subject was being The comparables had varying degrees of inequitably assessed. similarities with the subject property. The comparables had improvement assessments ranging from \$8,349 to \$11,164 or from \$6.06 to \$7.99 per square foot of living area. The subject property had an improvement assessment of \$15,680 or \$11.97 per square foot of living area, which is above the range established by the comparables. The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the appellant's argument as required by Section 1910.40(a) of the Official Rules of the Property Tax Appeal The Board has examined the information submitted by the appellant and finds that it supports a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

Chairman

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Member

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CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: February 29, 2008

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.